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TITLE: BACKWARDS COMPATIBLE, EXTENDED METHOD TO
EXECUTE CHECK NUMBER CALCULATION OF IMEI

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

The following amendment and request for reconsideration are being submitted in response to the Examiner's office action dated 08/21/2002 for the above-identified patent application. This response is herewith filed with a petition and fee for a one month extension of time. Should the undersigned attorney be mistaken, please consider this a petition for any extension of time that may be required to have this response entered and considered, and in this case please also charge deposit account no.: 50-1924 for the required extension fee.

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application. Claims 1-3 are rejected. The allowance of claims 4 and 5 is noted with appreciation.

Please amend the application as shown below.

In the Specification:

At page 3, line 28, to page 4, line 2, rewrite as follows:

Fig. 4 is a logic flow diagram showing a method in accordance with the invention;

Fig. 5 presents an example of the calculation of the Check Digit in accordance with the method shown in Fig. 4, and further in accordance with the teachings of this invention;